

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUGUST 10, 2015 7PM 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present was Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the July 27th 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer seconded by Mr. Cohen. The July 2015 department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Atty. Beagle. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Martin reminded council of a Utility Committee meeting on Wednesday August 12 at 7pm.

MAYOR: NO REPORT

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated he spoke to the railroad and they have said they will have the tracks on Pleasant Dr. completed by November of this year. And that the West St. sidewalk project is moving forward.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated that House Bill five passed by the Ohio Legislature requires some changes to the income tax legislation. He said he and the Finance Director have begun work on the needed changes that will need enacted by January 1, 2016, hes hoping to have new legislation for council by September. Mr. Cohen asked if the changes were strictly procedural and Atty. Powers said they are trying to make the processes for disputes uniform throughout the state and changes as to how residents or non residents of a city or village are treated. Mr. Elzer stated that after the last executive session there was to be legislation to start conversation about the union and Atty. Powers stated that he did have a draft of the requested legislation but he didn't know if council wanted to do that in executive session.

STREET: Mr. Figley said he is receiving comments about property clean up one being the train station by the tracks, he asked who was responsible for it. Monteleone said the Fire Department has control of the building as they use it for training and storage. Chief Brown said they would work on cleaning it up. Mr. Figley also said there a lot of alleys that need work. Mr. Elzer said that with the work on Kemple Dr. it is 100 % better.

S/P/R/C: Mr. Cohen noted the figures on the Park report, saying the park is breaking records this year. Monteleone said he is thankful for the Splash Pad and the new chairs which made a big impact, and we are close to having over 16,000 swimmers this year. Mr. Cohen said he has received complaints regarding dogs in the park not on the walking trail. He said he does see people there with dogs. He said we have a rule about dogs but if it can't be enforced it's no good. Monteleone said he met with the Police Chief about this issue and he is going to step up enforcement of the rule. Mr. Elzer said we are one of the only parks around that do not allow dogs saying they would help with the geese problem and attract more people. There was lengthy discussion about people not cleaning up after the animals, getting rid of the no dog rule. Mr. Figley suggested putting up stations with bags for clean up. Park Manager Jerry Coblentz said since he has been working there he has found excrement maybe five times only and that he wouldn't have a problem with dogs in the park. Mr. Cohen said he would have no problem with removing the "No Dogs" rule. John Davis from Rotary said they are in the planning stages for sponsoring a dog area at the park. Mr. Elzer said a provision for getting the grant for the trail was to allow dogs on it. Mr. Elzer asked if the rule was an ordinance and Atty. Powers said he wasn't sure. Monteleone said he would look into it. .

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer reminded everyone the Car Cruise is this weekend.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser reminded everyone of the meeting Wednesday the 12th. Mr. Elzer asked if anyone had ever done a chart in reference to rain water that could be used for a base line for the upcoming projects. WW Superintendent John Jurjavcic said they do have a charting system. Mr. Figley said they have a chart that shows how much rain we get, when it starts/stops and it shows the effects on the plant.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

VISITORS: Cpl. Brian Moore, John & Dot Herbert, Chief Josh Brown, Jerry Coblentz, Rick & Karen Gorby, Shirley Glavan, Dan Scott, John Jurjavic, Brock Jurjavic, Pam Figley, John Davis, Abel Figley, Katie White, Brett Todd, and Denny Griffith.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ordinance 15-2015 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager on behalf of the Village of East Palestine to enter into a contract with Gary McConnell, as an independent contractor, on a temporary basis, for the purpose of consultation on efforts to alleviate inflows and infiltration to the sanitary sewer system.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 15-2015. Atty. Beagle-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-Y, Mr. Figley-Y, Mr. Tyger-Y, Mrs. Wisser-Y. 6 YES to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 16-2015 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide bridge inspection program services.** Mr. Cohen made a motion to go into executive session under ORC section 121.22 G 4 to discuss collective bargaining with the unions and inviting the Village Manager and Law Director, seconded by Mr. Tyger. There would be no further business conducted afterwards.

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen announced Council was back in regular session. Atty. Beagle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor.

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MAYOR MARGO ZUCH